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28 April 1955

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SITUATION IN SAIGON

shells started

landing presidential palace and grounds at 1:15 Thursday afternoon (Saigon time).

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- A. After two had hit in the grounds and one on the palace Diem telephoned Ely, said he was ordering counterfire.
- B Ely, whose quarters only a few blocks from palace, said he had heard no firing.
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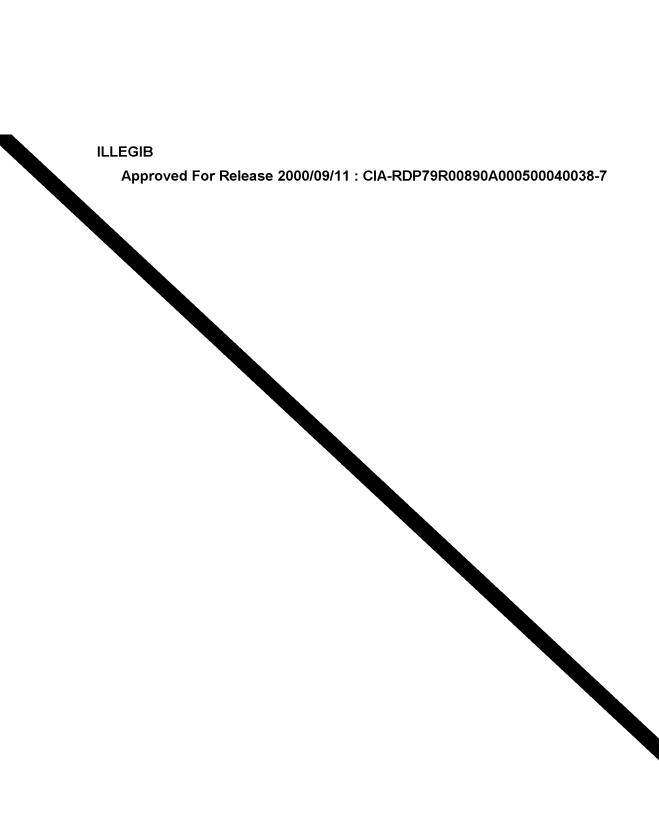
By three o'clock, at least of your rounds of counterfire had been heard from the

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Diem's order of 26 April removing police from Binh Xuyen control forced the issue.

- A. Some 400 of 700 police functionaries had reported to new HQ on 27 April.
- B. Binh Xuyen apparently also getting worried because Bao Dai had not yet acted as they anticipated.
- C. Bao Dai told US Emb Paris

  he had made irrevocable

  commitments and would have

  to act on them momentarily.
- D. He pressed for US views on his plan to solve crisis.
- ould drive Binh Xuyen out of Saagon

stopped by French.

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